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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 9th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pierre Buyoya, President of the Republic of Burundi.
2. Address by His Excellency Flt.-Lt. (Rtd.) Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Austria

   Germany

   Russian Federation

   Australia

   Bangladesh

   Peru

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2. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Janet Jagan, O.E., President of the Republic of Guyana.
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Raúl Cubas Grau, President of the Republic of Paraguay.
4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Zimbabwe

   Lao People's Democratic Republic

   Denmark

   Panama

   Belgium

   Finland

   Namibia

   Mozambique

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Board of Auditors

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 3
5 p.m.-6 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [3] (DP/1998/29 and Add.1, DP/1998/30, DP/1998/31, DP/1998/32, DP/1998/33 and Add.1)
2. UNDP: Progress report on UNDP 2001 [2]
3. UNFPA and UNDP pending decisions
4. Other matters [14]
5. Organizational matters [1]

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today*, 22 September, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be an informal meeting on UNFPA funding strategy *today*, 22 September, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be an informal meeting on UNDP and UNFPA funding strategies *today*, 22 September, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3.]

Announcement

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Tuesday, 22 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(Draft Ministerial Declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTH CENTRE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on UNDP funding strategy)

11.15 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP
(with the Dominican Republic and the Russian Federation)
(at the ministerial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 15
(at the ministerial level)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Ministerial meeting

The Ministerial Meeting of countries participating in the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies will be held *today*, 22 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Conference

A conference on the theme "The African of the 21st Century", co-sponsored by the Division of Public Affairs of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Office of the Permanent Observer for the Organization of African Unity to the United Nations (OAU) and African Amicale, will take place *today*, 22 September 1998, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso and current Chairman of OAU, will be the speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 23 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 11th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

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2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jules Wijdenbosch, President of the Republic of Suriname.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius

   China

   France

   Italy

   United Arab Emirates

   Democratic Republic of the Congo

3 p.m. 12th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hassan Gouled Aptidon, President of the Republic of Djibouti.
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ibrahim Maïnassara Baré, President of the Republic of the Niger.
3. Address by His Excellency Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua.
4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

   Portugal

   Ukraine

   Chile

   Spain

   Czech Republic

   Sweden

   Ireland

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

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SECOND COMMITTEE

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

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MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The meeting of the Council of Representatives of the South Centre will continue on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Tenth Annual Senior Officials Meeting of the Group of 77, to be held on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Ministerial meetings

An informal Ministerial Meeting (closed) on the negotiation towards conclusion of the Protocol to strengthen the Biological Convention will be held on Wednesday, 23 September 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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The Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 18 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

6th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [93 (d)]: *High-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications*

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Lesotho and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Mr. Jairo Montoya, Director-General for Multilateral Affairs of Colombia; the representative of Uruguay; H.E. Mr. Abdul-Qader Ba-Jammal, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen; the representatives of Nigeria and El Salvador.

The Rapporteur of the First Ministerial Round Table on National Responses to Globalization presented his summary report.

The Rapporteur of the Second Ministerial Round Table on International Responses to Globalization presented his summary report.

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President made a statement.

The high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications was thus concluded.

Monday, 21 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

7th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10]

The Secretary-General made a presentation of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/53/1).

Opening of the general debate [9]

The President of the General Assembly reminded the members of the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting on 15 September that congratulations should not be expressed inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered.

In this connection, the President recalled the decision taken by the Assembly at the same meeting that speakers in the general debate, after having delivered their statements, should leave the Assembly Hall through room GA-200 at the rear of the podium before returning to their seats.

The President also reminded representatives that the list of speakers would be closed on Wednesday, 23 September 1998 at 6 p. m., and requested delegations to provide estimated speaking times that were as accurate as possible, so that meetings could be planned in an orderly way.

The President recalled paragraph 21 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 51/241 whereby the Assembly indicated a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Luiz Felipe Palmeira Lampreia, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil.

Address by H.E. Mr. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America

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Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, addressed the General Assembly.

8th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 8th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/182).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 1998

478th meeting

The nineteenth session of the Committee was opened by the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document CRC/C/76.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention [3]

The Committee considered the item.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee resumed its consideration of item 2 in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, adopted at Kyoto on 11 December 1997

Signature: Lithuania (21 September 1998)

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SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) (S/1998/834 and S/1998/882)*

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting of the Council, to be held at 3.30 p.m.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1998

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pending decisions

2. Conclusion of the session

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GROUP OF 77
(Draft Ministerial Declaration)

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GROUP OF 77
(Tenth Annual Senior Officials Meeting)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

RIO GROUP - CHINA

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Ministerial meeting

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 13th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facusée, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras.

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Rafael Caldera, President of the Republic of Venezuela.

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister, and Minister of Housing, Construction and Religious Affairs of the State of Israel.

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of India.

   Poland

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mesut Yilmaz, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey.

   Bulgaria

3 p.m. 14th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova.

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Monaco

   Guinea

   Lebanon

   Slovakia

   Netherlands

   Greece

   Morocco

   Cuba

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), established under Security Council resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991, will hold its sixteenth plenary session from Monday, 28 September, to Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the bureau of the Commission on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and will be available at the offices of the Division (room DC2-1216).

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a joint meeting of the African Group and the Arab Group on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Informal consultations

The Second Informal Consultations of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR) will be held on Thursday, 24 September 1998, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

H.E. The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, and H.E. Mr. Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, will hold a special information briefing on small arms and light weapons on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 9 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Foreign Ministers and/or their designates, as well as interested Secretariat officials, are invited to attend.

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Seminars

There will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Norway to the United Nations, on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The seminar, which is organized by the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), will assess the impact of small arms proliferation and investigate ways in which the United Nations can offer solutions to the problem. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Ministerial meeting

The Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 21 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

8th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Guntis Ulmanis, President of the Republic of Latvia

H.E. Mr. Guntis Ulmanis, President of the Republic of Latvia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

H.E. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Ms. Rosario Green, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

H.E. The Hon. William Skate, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Keizo Obuchi, Prime Minister of Japan, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Guido Di Tella, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina; H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Roberto Rojas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; H.E. Mr. Amara Essy, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire; and H.E. Mr. Abdul-Qader Ba-Jammal, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom and Argentina.

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Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. Dr. Klaus Kinkel, Vice-Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; H.E. Mr. Igor Ivanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley, Chairman of the Delegation of Australia; H.E. Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; and H.E. Mr. Eduardo Ferrero Costa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru.

10th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 10th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/183).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 1998

479th and 480th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Ecuador (CRC/C/3/Add.4).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the Abolition of the Death Penalty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December 1989

Signature: Slovakia (22 September 1998)

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Ratification: Namibia (21 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective *today*, 23 September 1998, at 8 a.m., the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit will be temporarily located in the Pass and Identification Unit, situated on the main level of the UNITAR building (801 United Nations Plaza) (entrance at the corner of 45th Street and First Avenue).

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Presentation of a gift

A gift from the Government and People of the Slovak Republic will be presented to the United Nations at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 24 September 1998, at 12.45 p.m. in the first basement of the Conference building (near the Viennese Cafe).

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	3931st meeting*	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Africa

   Rapport of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

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* To be held at the level of Foreign Ministers.

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10.30 a.m., at which it will consider the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on Protection for Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees and Others in Conflict Situations (S/1998/883).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 13th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facusée, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras.

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Rafael Caldera, President of the Republic of Venezuela.

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister, and Minister of Housing, Construction and Religious Affairs of the State of Israel.

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of India.

   Poland

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mesut Yilmaz, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey.

   Bulgaria

3 p.m. 14th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova.

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Monaco

   Guinea

   Lebanon

   Slovakia

   Netherlands

   Greece

   Morocco

   Cuba

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 24 September 1998

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)
(Second Informal Consultations of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR))

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

Ministerial meeting

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on consumer protection)

3 p.m.-5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4.45 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

RIO GROUP - REPUBLIC OF KOREA

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

CENTRAL AMERICA GROUP
(with Canada)

6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 15th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Kocharian, President of the Republic of Armenia.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   New Zealand

   Republic of Korea

   Egypt

   Luxembourg

   Canada

   Viet Nam

3 p.m. 16th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Estonia

Bahrain

Address by His Excellency Mr. Barnabas Sibusio Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Romania

Mongolia

Kuwait

Thailand

Qatar

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in *the Trusteeship Council Chamber*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

The Working Group established by the Sixth Committee, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/165, will hold its firts meeting on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), established under Security Council resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991, will hold its sixteenth plenary session from Monday, 28 September, to Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations on United Nations guidelines for sustainable consumption to be chaired by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room E and on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 8.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

The twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) will take place on 28 and 29 September and the IACSD Task Force on National Strategies for Sustainable Development will meet on 30 September 1998 at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in Conference Room VIII.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a joint meeting of the African Group and the Arab Group on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Briefing

H.E. The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, and H.E. Mr. Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, will hold a special information briefing on small arms and light weapons on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 9 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Foreign Ministers and/or their designates, as well as interested Secretariat officials, are invited to attend.

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Seminars

There will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Norway to the United Nations, on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The seminar, which is organized by the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), will assess the impact of small arms proliferation and investigate ways in which the United Nations can offer solutions to the problem. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Ministerial meeting

The Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345/Add. 2) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Togo had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Chapter.

Address by H.E. Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania

H.E. Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mrs. Janet Jagan, President of the Republic of Guyana

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Address by H.E. Mr. Raúl Cubas Grau, President of the Republic of Paraguay

H.E. Mr. Raúl Cubas Grau, President of the Republic of Paraguay, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Isack Mudenge, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe; H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Mr. Niels Helveg Petersen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Aquilino Boyd, Chairman of the Delegation of Panama; H.E. Mr. Erik Derycke, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland; H.E. The Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Namibia and H.E. Dr. Leonardo Santos Simão, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique.

Wednesday, 23 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3930th meeting

Letter dated 11 March 1998 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/223)

Letter dated 27 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/272)

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998) of the Security Council (S/1998/834 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany and Italy, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/882, which had been submitted by France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/882).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and China.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/882) received 14 votes in favour, none against and one abstention (China), and was adopted as resolution 1199 (1998).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

11th plenary meeting

Address by H. E. Mr. Andrés Pastrana Arango, President of the Republic of Colombia

H. E. Mr. Andrés Pastrana Arango, President of the Republic of Colombia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H. E. Mr. Jules Wijdenbosch, President of the Republic of Suriname

H. E. Mr. Jules Wijdenbosch, President of the Republic of Suriname, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. The Hon. Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs, Minister of External Communications and Outer Islands, Minister for Civil Service Affairs and Minister of Urban and Rural Development of the Republic of Mauritius

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Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Tang Jiaxuan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. Mr. Hubert Védrine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France; H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. The Hon. Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Noaimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates and H.E. Mr. Jean-Charles Okoto Lolakombe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

12th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 12th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/184).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1998

481st meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Ecuador (CRC/C/3/Add.44).

482nd meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Iraq (CRC/C/41/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). Geneva, 19 May 1956

Accession: Islamic Republic of Iran (17 September 1998)*

Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). Geneva, 5 July 1978

Accession: Islamic Republic of Iran (17 September 1998)

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Nepal (22 September 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Philippines (23 September 1998)
Venezuela (23 September 1998)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

A gift from the Government and People of the Slovak Republic will be presented to the United Nations at a ceremony to be held *today*, 24 September 1998, at 12.45 p.m. in the first basement of the Conference building (near the Viennese Cafe).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 24 September 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 15th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

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2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus.
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

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   Republic of Korea

   Egypt

   Luxembourg

   Canada

   Viet Nam

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

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3 p.m.	16th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Estonia

Bahrain

Address by His Excellency Mr. Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Romania

Mongolia

Kuwait

Thailand

Qatar

Liechtenstein

Iceland

Liberia

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SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1388th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS
(CCPOQ)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Announcement

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Friday, 25 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

Committee on Palestine

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

RIO GROUP - RUSSIAN FEDERATION

10.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

RIO GROUP - GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

RIO GROUP - CANADA

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Briefing

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum *today*, 25 September 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Forum will be addressed by H.E. Dr. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Minister of State in the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Austria. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 28 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	17th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	18th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The list of speakers will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/185).

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 52/165

10 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

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Briefing

The Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the New York Liaison Office of UNCTAD will hold an informal briefing on agenda items 91(b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries) and (d) (External debt crisis and development) on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will address the index report called for in General Assembly resolution 52/179 and the Secretary-General's reports on the net transfer of resources (A/53/228), on global financial flows and on external debt. Copies of the relevant background information are available on the 21st floor of the DC-2 building, in the elevator lobby. All delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the reports of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
ON COORDINATION

The twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) will take place on 28 and 29 September and the IACSD Task Force on National Strategies for Sustainable Development on 30 September 1998, in Conference Room VIII at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

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Corrigendum

The name and title of the speaker for Lebanon in the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly did not appear in the *Journal* of Wednesday, 23 September 1998, owing to a technical error. The speaker was H.E. Mr. Rafic Hariri, Prime Minister, President of the Council of Ministers for the Lebanese Republic, who made his statement at the 14th plenary meeting on Thursday, 24 September 1998.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the organization of work of the Second Committee)* on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ministerial level)* on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a joint meeting of the African Group and the Arab Group on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Ministerial meeting

The Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Information will be provided on preparations for the meeting on "Partners for Development", organized by UNCTAD, to be held in Lyon (France) from 9 to 12 November 1998. Members of permanent missions. Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 23 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

12th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345/Add. 3) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Burundi and the Republic of Moldova had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Address by H.E. Mr. Hassan Gouled Aptidon, President of the Republic of Djibouti

H.E. Mr. Hassan Gouled Aptidon, President of the Republic of Djibouti, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Maïnassara Baré, President of the Republic of the Niger

H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Maïnassara Baré, President of the Republic of the Niger, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua

H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Alemán Lacayo, President of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Jaime Gama, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal; H.E. Mr. Borys Tarasyuk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Ukraine; H.E. Mr. José Miguel Insulza, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile; H.E. Mr. Abel Matutes, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain; H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; H.E. Ms. Lena Hjelm-Wallén, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; H.E. Mr. David Andrews, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland; and H.E. Dr. Eduardo Latorre, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Rwanda, Uganda, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Kingdom, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Arab Emirates.

Thursday, 24 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3931st meeting

The situation in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council resumed its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the President of Burkina Faso, current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

Statements were made by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom, the Secretary of State of the United States, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, the Minister for Foreign Relations of Brazil, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, the Minister for External Relations and Worship of Costa Rica, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Gabon, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Kenya and Portugal, the representative of the Russian Federation and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1998/29).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

13th plenary meeting

Natural disasters in the Caribbean

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Governments and the peoples of the Caribbean countries for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which has resulted from the recent hurricane.

Address by H.E. Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federated States of Micronesia

H.E. Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facusée, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras

H.E. Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facusée, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Dr. Rafael Caldera, President of the Republic of Venezuela

H.E. Dr. Rafael Caldera, President of the Republic of Venezuela, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister, and Minister of Housing and Construction and Religious Affairs of the State of Israel, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of India, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Bronislav Geremek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland.

H.E. Mr. Mesut Yilmaz, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mrs. Nadezhda Mihailovna, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria.

14th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 14th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/185).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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483rd and 484th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Iraq (CRC/C/41/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accesion: Nauru (22 September 1998)*

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. 18 May 1978

Acceptance: United Republic of Tanzania (23 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 28 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Croatia (S/1998/887)

Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations (S/1998/883)

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1998/891)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION
(UNSCOM)

Sixteenth session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10.30 a.m., at which it will consider the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations (S/1998/883).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 17th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Brunei Darussalam

Malaysia

Philippines

Oman

Singapore

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Said Musa, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Finance of Belize

San Marino

Tunisia

3 p.m. 18th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency Mr. James Michel, Vice-President of the Seychelles

United Republic of Tanzania

Antigua and Barbuda

Palestine, address by His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat

Kazakhstan

Algeria

Gambia

Kyrgyzstan

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Croatia

Belarus

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.-1p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Death and disability benefits (A/C.5/53/16)
2. Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/53/335 and Add.1)
3. Draft report

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations on United Nations guidelines for sustainable consumption, to be chaired by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. *in Conference Room 5* and on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

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Monday, 28 September 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on the organization of work of the Second Committee)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP
(at the ministerial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

Ad Hoc Committee on Afghanistan

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION (SAARC)
(Meeting of Foreign Ministers)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
(Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 3 September 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 29 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 19th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Malta

Togo

Syrian Arab Republic

Azerbaijan

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Fiji

Turkmenistan

Sudan

3 p.m. 20th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Nepal

Samoa

Saudi Arabia

Mauritania

Benin

Hungary

Andorra

Afghanistan

Barbados

Kenya

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

Briefing

The Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the New York Liaison Office of UNCTAD will hold an informal briefing on agenda items 91(b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries) and (d) (External debt crisis and development) on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will address the index report called for in General Assembly resolution 52/179 and the Secretary-General's reports on the net transfer of resources (A/53/228), on global financial flows and on external debt. Copies of the relevant background information are available on the 21st floor of the DC-2 building, in the elevator lobby. All delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the bureau of the Commission on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and is available at the offices of the Division (room DC2-1216).

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
ON COORDINATION

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A briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, which was adopted last November by the General Conference of UNESCO, will take place on Friday, 2 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The birefing will be given by Mme Noelle Lenoir, Member of the French Constitutional Council and Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Ethics of Science and New Technologies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

14th plenary meeting

Address by H. E. Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador

H. E. Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H. E. Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova

H. E. Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H. E. Mr. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

H. E. Mr. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

His Serene Highness Crown Prince Albert, Crown Prince of the Principality of Monaco, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H. E. Mr. Lamine Kamara, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guinea.

H. E. Mr. Rafic Hariri, Prime Minister, President of the Council of Ministers of the Lebanese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H. E. Mrs. Zdenka Kramplová, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H. E. Mr. Jozias van Aartsen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Netherlands; H. E. Mr. Theodoros Pangalos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; H. E. Mr. Abdellatif Filali, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco, and H. E. Mr. Roberto Robaina González, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the Permanent Observer of Palestine, the representatives of Iraq, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Spain.

Friday, 25 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

15th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Robert Kocharian, President of the Republic of Armenia

H.E. Mr. Robert Kocharian, President of the Republic of Armenia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus

H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statements by H.E. The Rt. Hon. Donald Charles McKinnon, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Hong Soon-young, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Jacques Poos, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Cooperation of Luxembourg; H.E. The Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada; H.E. Mr. Nguyen Manh Cam, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; and H.E. Mr. Indrek Tarand, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia.

16th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 16th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/186).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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485th and 486th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Bolivia (CRC/C/65/Add.1).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development. Rome, 13 June 1976

Accession: Kazakhstan (25 September 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Côte d'Ivoire (25 September 1998)

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, Jamaica, 27 March 1998

Signature: Côte d'Ivoire (25 September 1998)

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Republic of Korea (25 September 1998)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses. New York, 21 May 1997

Signature: Côte d'Ivoire (25 September 1998)

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Tonga (25 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Gideon Kayinamura

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
H.E. Mr. Ion Botnaru

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla

Western European and Other States:
Germany
H.E. Mr. Dieter Kastrup

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 29 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	3932nd meeting	Security Council Chamber
Morning*	3933rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations

   Report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/883)

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* Following the adjournment of the 3932nd meeting.

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM)

Sixteenth session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed session	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 19th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Malta

   Togo

   Syrian Arab Republic

   Azerbaijan

   Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

   Fiji

   Turkmenistan

   Sudan

2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/389) [16 (b)].

3 p.m. 20th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Nepal

Samoa

Saudi Arabia

Mauritania

Benin

Hungary

Andorra

Afghanistan

Barbados

Kenya

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.-1p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/53/37, A/53/C.6/WG.1/CRP1 and CRP.2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Guidelines for internal control standards

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the New York Liaison Office of UNCTAD will hold an informal briefing on agenda items 91(b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries) and (d) (External debt crisis and development) *today*, 29 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will address the index report called for in General Assembly resolution 52/179 and the Secretary-General's reports on the net transfer of resources (A/53/228), on global financial flows and on external debt. Copies of the relevant background information are available on the 21st floor of the DC2 building, in the elevator lobby. All delegations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the bureau of the Commission *today*, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and is available at the offices of the Division (room DC2-1216).

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 29 September 1998

ARAB GROUP
(at the ministerial level)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the United Nations Reform and Security Council Expansion

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

JOINT MEETING OF THE AFRICAN GROUP AND THE ARAB GROUP

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 30 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 21st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister, Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs and Labour of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Jamaica

Bhutan

Cameroon

Iraq

Bolivia

Tajikistan

Saint Lucia

3 p.m. 22nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Senegal

Address by His Excellency Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

Bahamas

Myanmar

Cape Verde

Uzbekistan

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Donald Kalpokas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vanuatu

Zambia

Belarus

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/53/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977, tel.: 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248, fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its organization of work, and agenda items 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account), 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account and Death and disability), 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and human resources management: Gratis personnel).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: 212-963-0542, fax: 212-963-0360).

Briefing

Members of the Fifth Committee are invited to a special briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, on the report of the Secretary-General on the Development Account (A/52/1009), to be held on Friday, 2 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Fifth Committee *(on organizational matters of the Fifth Committee)* on Wednesday, 30 September, and on Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Seminars

A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefings

There will be a briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Information will be provided on preparations for the meeting on "Partners for Development", organized by UNCTAD, to be held in Lyon (France) from 9 to 12 November 1998. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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On the occasion of the fortieth ratification of the Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) will hold a press conference and a briefing on its work in the implementation of the Ottawa Treaty, on Thursday, 1 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Eminents speakers will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A briefing, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, which was adopted last November by the General Conference of UNESCO, will take place on Friday, 2 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will be given by Mme Noelle Lenoir, Member of the French Constitutional Council and Special Adviser to the Director-General of UNESCO on the Ethics of Science and New Technologies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

16th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H. E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia, and H. E. Shaikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain.

H. E. Mr. Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard statements by H. E. Mr. Andrei Gabriel Plesu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania; H. E. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait; H. E. Mr. Rinchinnyamyn Amarjargal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia; H. E. Mr. Surin Pitsuwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand; H. E. Mr. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassem bin Jabr Al-Thani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Qatar; H. E. Ms. Andrea Willi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Culture, Youth and Sport of Liechtenstein, and H. E. Mr. Halldór Ásgrímsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representatives of the United States, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iraq, Cuba and Kuwait.

Statements in the exercise of the right of second reply were made by the representatives of the United States and Cuba.

Tentative programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/53/3 which contained a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings from 28 September to mid-October 1998.

Monday, 28 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

17th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam; H. E. Dato' Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; H. E. Mr. Domingo Siazon, Jr., Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H. E. Mr. Yousef Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Oman, and H. E. Mr. Shanmugam Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore.

Address by H. E. The Hon. Said Musa, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Finance of Belize

H. E. The Hon. Said Musa, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Finance of Belize, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H. E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of San Marino and H. E. Mr. Saïd Ben Mustapha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia.

18th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 18th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/187).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 1998

487th and 488th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Kuwait (CRC/C/8/Add.35).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use Stockpiling Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Benin (25 September 1998)*

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of These Prescriptions. Geneva, 20 March 1958

Accession: Japan (25 September 1998)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994. 30 March 1994

Ratification: Paraguay (24 September 1998)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993. Geneva, 16 July 1993

Approval: European Union (28 September 1998)*

Approval: Denmark (28 September 1998)*

Ratification: Italy (28 September 1998)*

Ratification: Greece (28 September 1998)*

Ratification: Germany (28 September 1998)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Iceland (28 September 1998)

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Turkmenistan (28 September 1998)

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. 23 May 1997

Signature: Oman (28 September 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will be held in the first basement of the Secretariat building as of *today*, 29 September, until 16 October 1998.

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